

# Null Family Burial Grounds

By Dave Hallemann



This cemetery with its old monuments is located in T40 R5 S17 Survey 895.

38° 11' 41" N / 90° 29' 7" E

This cemetery was first recorded by Frank and Helen Magre and Jean O'Brien on 15<sup>th</sup> February 1984 and revisited by Jerry McKee and Dave Hallemann on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2000.

Someone repaired the monuments by setting them upright in concrete. The bottoms of some stones are embedded in the concrete and thus unreadable.

This cemetery is named for William Null Sr. who originally entered this tract of 450 arpents or 382.81 acres as U. S. Survey 895.

The Nulls were a prominent pioneering family in the Hematite area. About the year 1800 William Null and William Null JR. settled near and at Hematite. *Goodspeed page 373*. William came from the south and was here at or before the organization of Jefferson County. *Goodspeed page 377*. William Null was appointed one of six commissioners to locate a suitable place in the county to erect a courthouse and jail (Herculaneum)... *Goodspeed page 385*. William was selected to the first Grand Jury in the county. *Goodspeed page 402*.

This land was difficult to follow the trail of ownership due to the fact that there are so many Nulls, they bought, sold and traded a lot of land, and they are the original owners of more than one land grant. Then there are more Nulls as you tract forward in time.

I looked at many documents and began to piece together a story of the transactions. I knew that William Null Sr. was the original owner of the tract a plat of the original surveys located in the Recorder of Deeds Office. I could not find the transfer of ownership to John Wesley Null who appears as owner on the 1876 Atlas. I saw many documents that referred to John W. Null Sr. as having taken possession of various property in "...an indefensible estate...". I assume that John Wesley Null was either a son or grandson of William Null Sr.

The first document of importance I came across was recorded in *book I page 252* dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 1848 between William Null Sr. and his wife Dorothy, and John Wesley Null and his wife Ellen, grant to Josiah Null for \$1, "...Josiah to have all the mining privileges on the tract on which the first parties now reside in T40 R5 to ½ of said land and John Wesley Null reserving ½ for his own benefit and no mining or digging shall be done on any of the farming land without

consent of said John Wesley Null...” William, Dorothy, John, and Ellen all signed with their mark(x). This document shows relationship between the principal owners.

The next interesting document I encountered was recorded in *book 30 page 78* dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 1890 was from John W. & wife Lucy W. Null; George H. & wife Elizabeth Null; Thomas H. & wife Eliza Null; Sarah E. Gamel (a widow); and James, Charles A., & Morgan Null, all of St. Louis, quit claim to John W. Null Sr. for \$40 all their interest in T40 R5 Survey 895 originally containing 321.81 acres. This *could* be to clear the “...indefensible estate...” This document put the entire interest for Survey 895 in John Wesley Null Sr. Also note his wife name as *Lucy* instead of *Ellen*. Could her name have been Lucy Ellen or Ellen Lucy?

On a deed dated 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1901 John W. Null Sr. is listed on this document recorded in *book 52 page 393* as “single”. He sell to William H(?) . Null for \$10,000.<sup>00</sup> (*this amount seems unusual*) “...all of Survey 895 containing 382.21 acres, excepting however such portions as have been sold by John W. Null to (?) H. Donnell and C. F. Lee *known as the mill property* and fully described in *book 31 page 260* also...remaining 362 acres”

I had missed this deed relating the sale of the “mill property” so I now back tracked to this document.

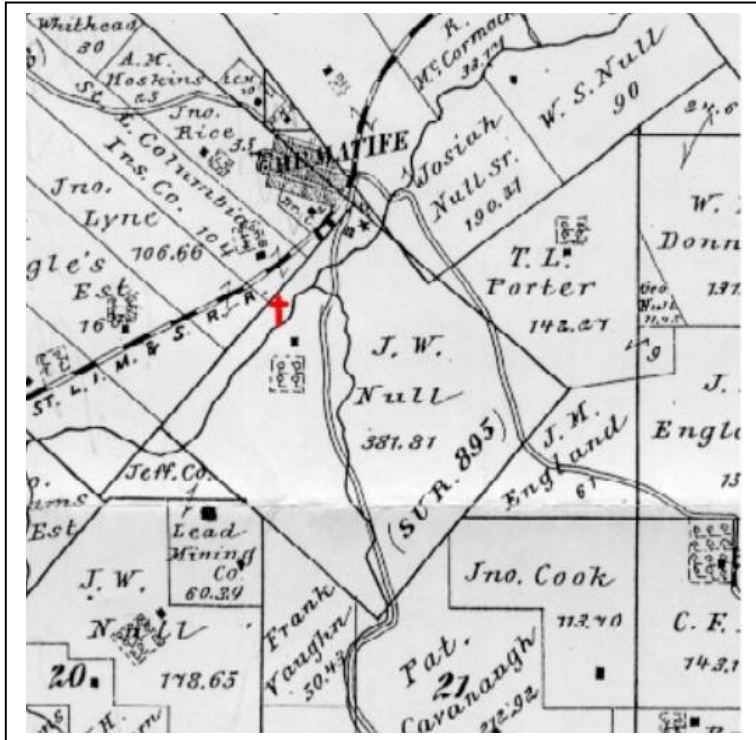
Recorded on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1888, in *book 31 pages 260-264*, from John W. Null & wife Ellen, and J. Franklin Null & wife Mattie D. of Jefferson County, sold the following property to Oscar H. Donnell and Charles F. Lee, of Jefferson County, for \$4250.<sup>00</sup>. “... lots 3 & 4 of Block 5 in the town of Hematite and shown on the recorded plat of said town, also a part of United States Survey 895 on Joachim Creek on which the *water mill built by the said John W. Null Sr. and Dr. G. W. N. Elders*<sup>4</sup> is located...a stake is set for the south easterly corner of this lot from which corner the most southerly *corner of the foundation wall of the main mill building (not the office)* bears north...this lot designated as the mill lot includes with additional grounds all the mill lot formerly laid off of which undivided half was conveyed by the said John W. Null Sr. and wife to G. W. N. Elders, also a lot of ground on the south eastern side of the lot last above described...on which is located a frame dwelling house...excepting or reserving the following described lots or parcels...one forth 1/4 of an acre including the *old family burial grounds* on the western side of the creek *nearly opposite the mill*, also...the *old mill lot in Hematite* which was conveyed by the said John W. Null Sr. & wife to William Hendrickson by deed dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1875 *book 7 page 456*...”

I found many references to persons in this Cemetery as being buried in Hematite Christian. Hematite Christian is along the road about ½ mile before this cemetery. Hematite Christian property was deeded from John Wesley Null and wife Ellen to Wm. Hodson & G. W. N. Elder Trustees of Hematite Christian Church on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1871 recorded in *book 34 page 382*. He was a member of Hematite Christian and may have allowed church burials in Null cemetery until the church cemetery was established.

However, with this deed we have established the fact that this is indeed the Null Cemetery. As John Wesley Null retained possession and in 1888 he *excepted* it out of the deed.

Also that John W. Null Sr. and Dr. G. W. N. Elders, who married Amanda Null on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1866, built the mill at Hematite on the banks of Joachim Creek.

There are a lot of Nulls burials in the surrounding cemeteries of Hematite.



As can be seen in the picture at left, in 1876 J. W. Null has possession of the property.

The Cemetery sits where I have added the red cross.

*From Deaths From Jefferson County Missouri Newspapers 1866-1920 Jefferson County Genealogical Society.*

John W. Null died October ?, 1905 at the age of 81. He married Ellen Stroup who preceded him in death. He is survived by six children, Mrs. Louisa Walthers, Mrs. Amanda Elders(?), Mrs. Lucy Arnold, and Wesley, Henry, and Frank Null. He lived most of his life in Hematite, but for some time he made he made his home with his son, Dr. W. H. Null, in St. Louis.

In 1898 J. C. Benson now owns the tract and there is a mill on the opposite bank of the Joachim.

This mill was at this time known as Benson's Mill.

Again I have added the red cross to denote the approximate location of this cemetery.





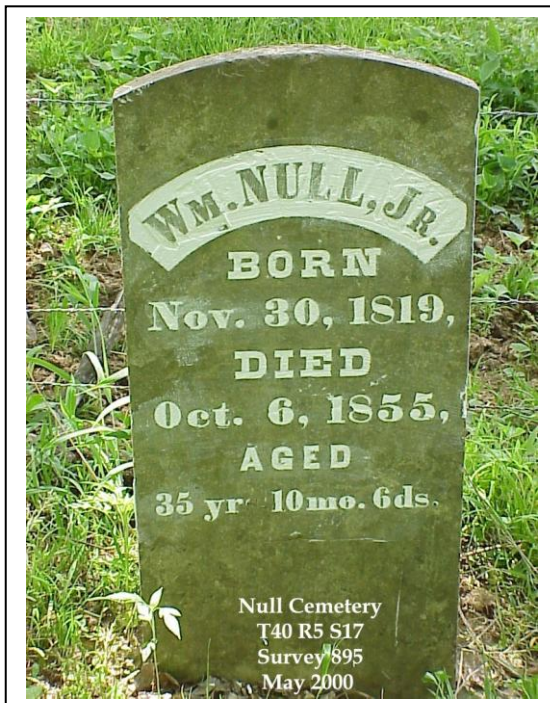
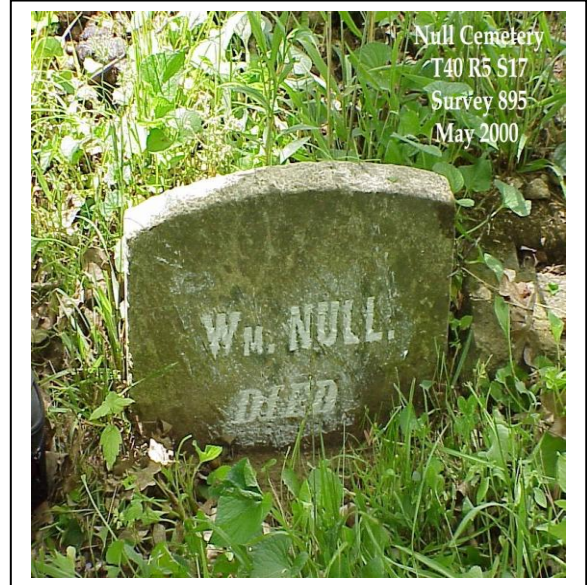
The following pictures are of the monuments in this cemetery. The clarity of the lettering on the photographs is due the "shaving cream" method. There are probably unmarked graves in this cemetery.

## **William Null**

Died

*Footstone W. N.  
(see note below)*

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## **William Null Jr.**

Born  
November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1819  
Died  
October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1855  
Aged  
35 years 10 months 6 days

*Footstone W. N.*

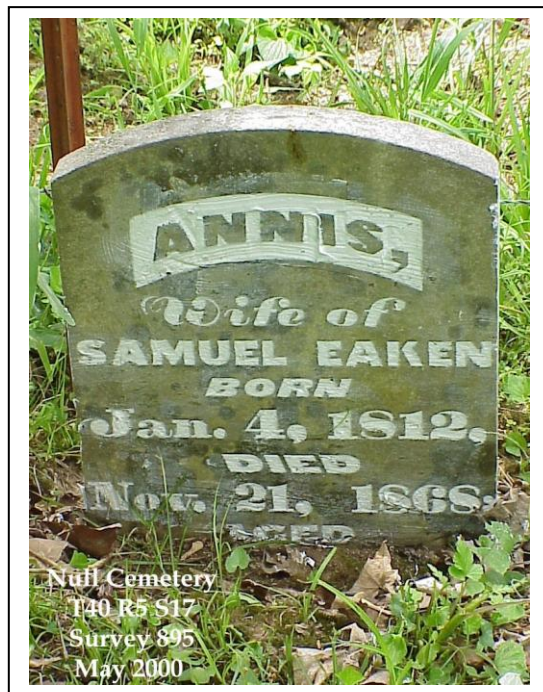
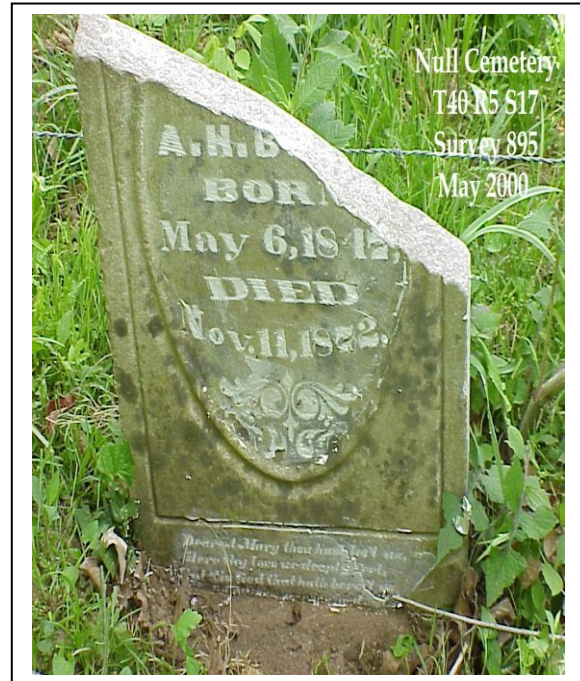
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**A. H. B(?)**

Born  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1847  
Died  
November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1872

*Dearest Mary thou hast left us  
Here thy loss we deeply feel  
But tis God that hath bro(?) us*

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**Annis Eaken**

Born  
January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1812  
Died  
November 21<sup>st</sup>, 1868  
Aged  
56 years 10 months 17 days

*(see note 2 below)*

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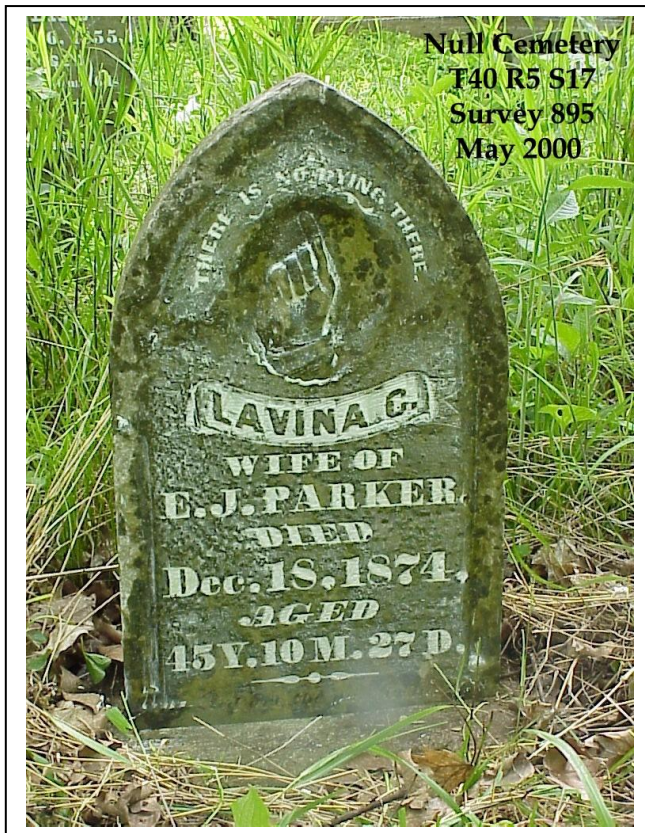


**William A.**

Son of  
**G & N. Lee**  
Died  
June 1865  
In the  
15<sup>th</sup> Year of Life

*Circle with hand pointing up*

*(see note 1.)*



**Lavina C.**

Wife of  
**E. J. Parker**  
Born  
January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1829  
Died  
December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1874  
Aged  
45 years 10 months 27 days

*Hand pointing up within circle  
"There is no dying there"*

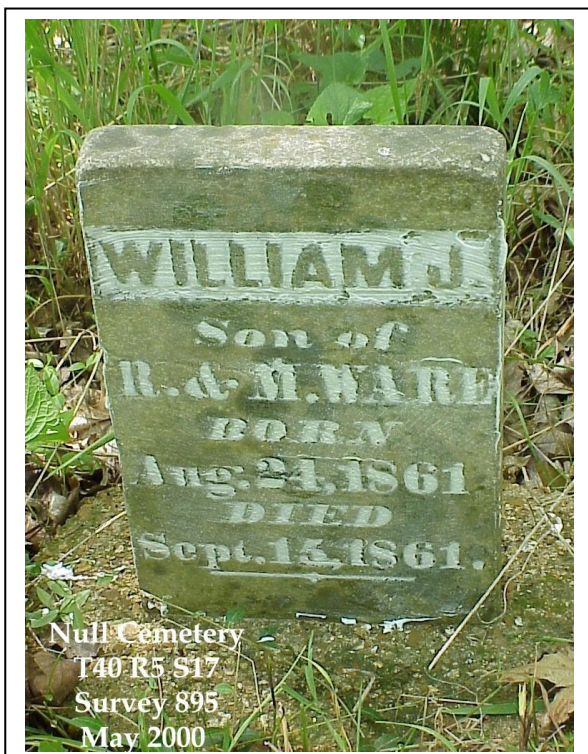
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**Kate H.**

Daughter of  
R. & M. **Ware**  
Born  
August 11<sup>th</sup>, 1860  
Died  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1860

*(see article below)*

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**William J.**

Son of  
R. & M. **Ware**  
Born  
August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1861  
Died  
September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1861

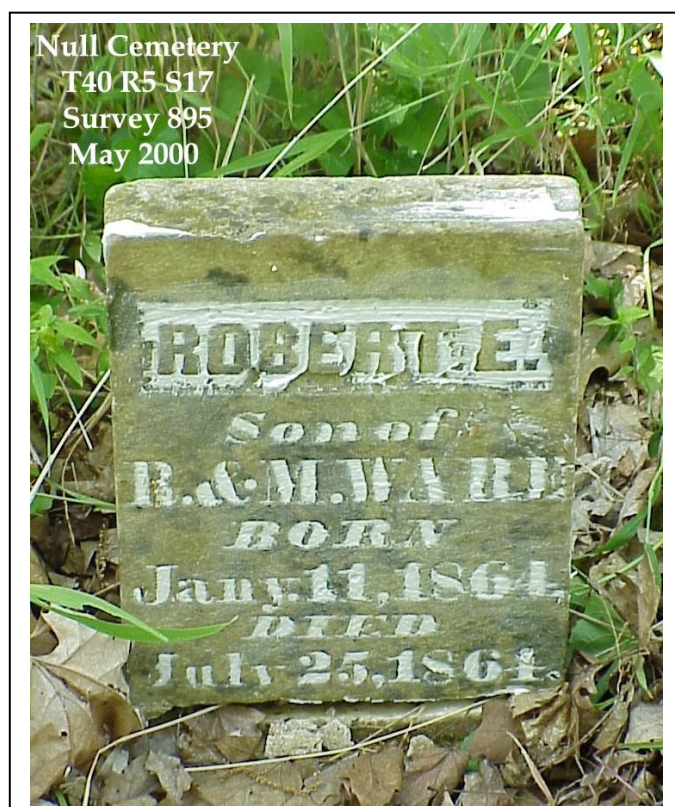
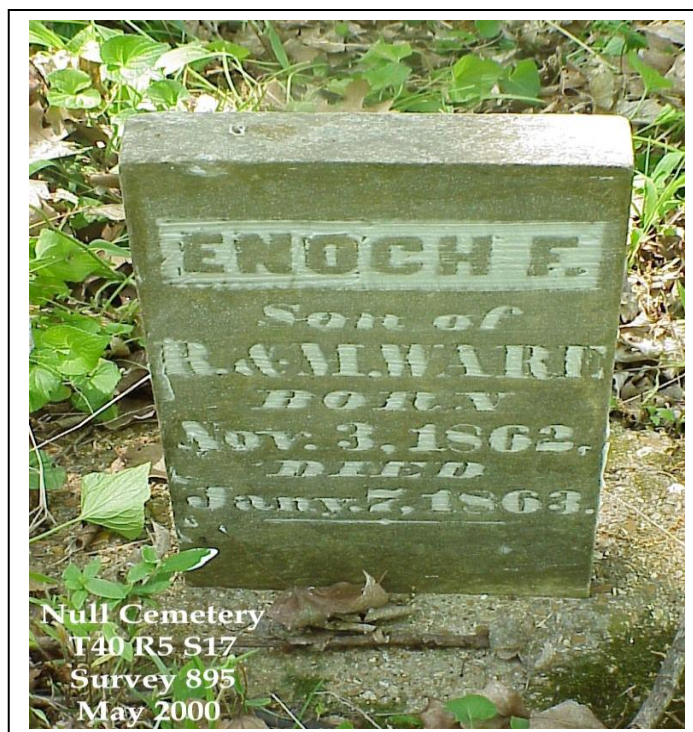
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## **Enoch F.**

Son of  
**R. & M. Ware**  
Born  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1862  
Died  
January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1863

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## **Robert E.**

Son of  
**R. & M. Ware**  
Born  
January 11<sup>th</sup>, 1864  
Died  
July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1864

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**Franklin L.**

Son of  
Oscar & Mary E.

**Dover**

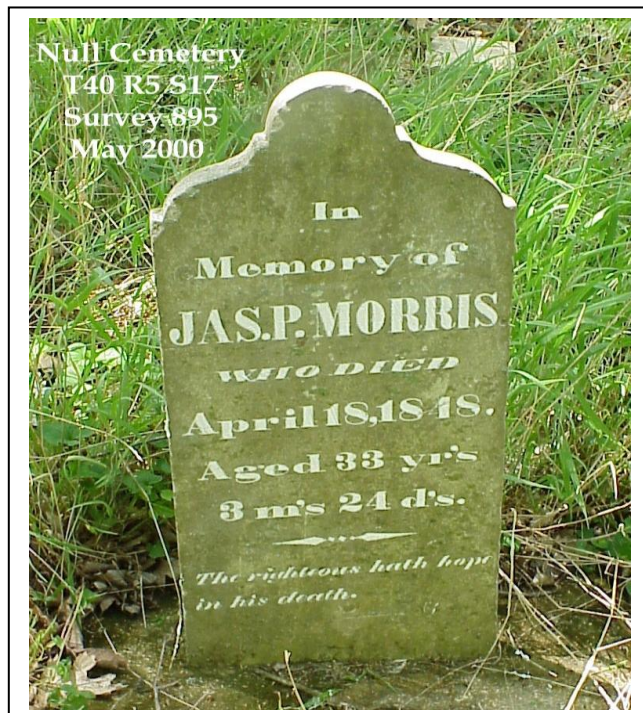
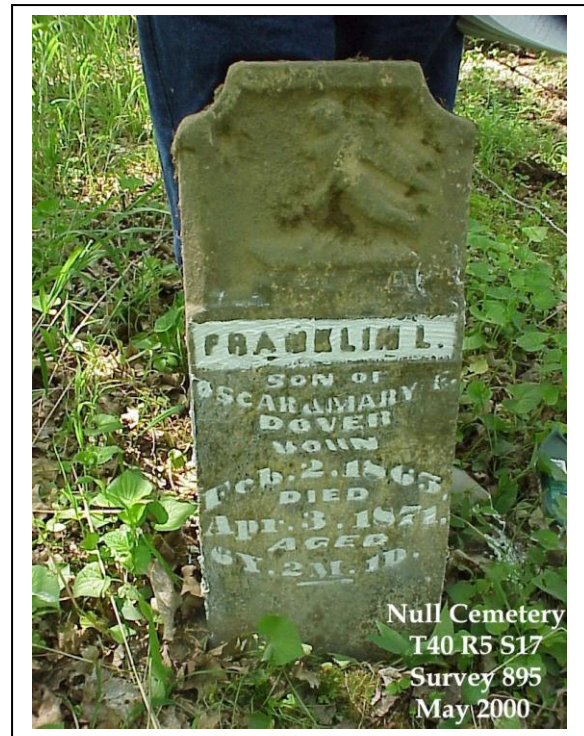
Born  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1865

Died  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1871

Aged  
6 years 2 months 1 day

*Carving of an angel carrying a baby*

*(see note 3)*



In  
Memory of

**Jas. P. Morris**

Born  
December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1814

Who Died  
April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1848

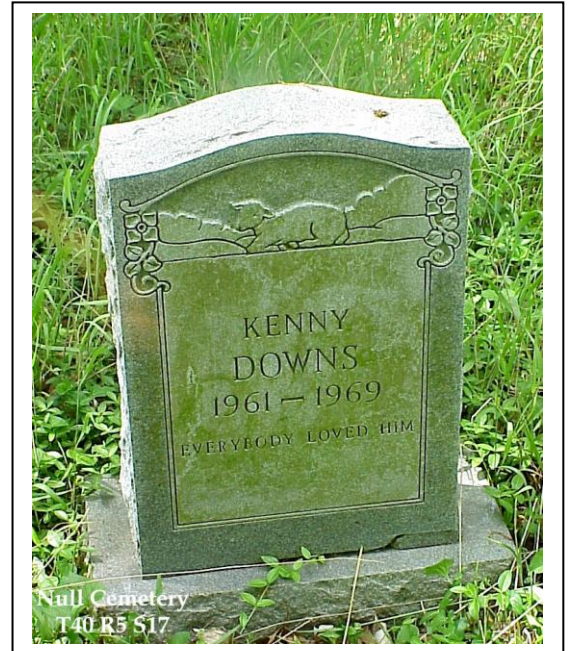
Aged  
33 years 3 months 24 days

*"The righteous hath hope  
in his death."*

## Kenny Downs

1961-1969

*"Everybody Loved Him"*



1. *From Goodspeed's History of Franklin Jefferson, Washington, Crawford and Gasconade Counties.* © 1888 Reprint 1970 indexed page 919;

Thomas J. Lee, another successful and enterprising farmer and stock-raiser of Joachim Township, was born on the farm on which he now lives, January 6, 1835, and was the youngest of four sons born to *Giles and Amelia (Null) Lee*. The former was born in Pennsylvania in 1797, and when a mere child was taken by his parents to Kentucky, where he lived until the age of twenty four (1821). He then came to Jefferson County, found employment near Pevely, and conducted a tannery for Col. Bryant, having learned his trade in Kentucky. After a few years with Col. Bryant, he married and moved to Hematite, where he started a Tanyard on the farm of his son, Charles F., now lives, perhaps the second Tanyard in Jefferson County. After operating this for some time he removed about one mile below, on the farm on which our subject now lives, where he remained until 1855. He then removed to Arcadia, Iron County, and from there to Mill Spring, in Wayne County, where he died in 1874. He was a German descent, and both father and mother were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and were among the best families of the county. Mr. Lee was married four times, his last wife still living. The mother of Thomas J. was born near Hematite, and died when he was but a few days old. She was the daughter of *William Null*, one of the earliest pioneers of Jefferson County, who settled on one of the Old Spanish claims near Hematite. He was one of the foremost citizens of the county, and was one of six commissioners to select the county seat on its removal from Herculaneum. Thomas J. attended the common subscription schools three or four months a year and in order to do so was obliged to walk four miles night and morning. The house was the rudest log structure and very inconvenient in every way. He finished his education with one year 's attendance at Arcadia, after his father had removed there. At the opening of the late Rebellion he at once joined



the Confederate army in Company B, Second Missouri Cavalry, under Col. Colton Green, in Gen. J. S. Marmaduke's Division, and operated in Arkansas and Missouri for nearly four years. Although he served continuously as deputy lieutenant, he was never wounded or captured. After his discharge at (Nacatush) Louisiana in June 1865, he returned home, and September 12<sup>th</sup>, of the next year married Maria Ellen, daughter of John and Mary (Itson) Morgan, formerly of Kentucky, but who came to Jefferson County about 1860, and lived some years in Iron County. Mr. Lee's father is a second cousin of Gen. John Morgan, of Confederate fame. Soon after his marriage Mr. Lee located on the farm of his birth, which consist of 261 acres, one and a half miles east of Hematite. A portion of this he inherited and bought about one-half from his father's estate. Although having no children of his own, Mr. Lee has reared and educated several. He is an enterprising and upright citizen, and has been a member of the school board for about 16 years. Politically, he was reared a Whig, but has always acted with the Democratic Party, his first vote being for Breckenridge in 1860. He has been a prominent Mason sixteen years and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Lee's grandfather spent the last years of his life in Jefferson County.

**2. *From The 1876 Historic Atlas of Jefferson County under Biographical Sketches of Citizens of Jefferson Count;***

Samuel Eaken, now residing at Hematite, formerly lived in Camden County, Missouri, and while there was one of the representatives of the County in the General Assembly, and one of the Justices of the County Court. He was born in Scott County, Virginia, within a mile of the Tennessee line, on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 1811. His father, James Eaken, was born in America but was of Irish descent; and his mother Athela Bledsoe belonged to the old Virginia family of Bledsoes. He attended school long enough to learn to read and spell, but not to write, and his education is the results of his own efforts after he was grown. In 1825 the family moved over the line in the state of Tennessee to what was know as the "Hiawasse Purchase", bought from Cherokee Indians, and now included in Meigs County, Tennessee.

In December 1834 he was married to *Annis* Hobbs of Meigs County, Tennessee. He continued to reside in that state till the fall of 1839 and then started for the country west of the Mississippi. He landed in Missouri, on the western bank of the Mississippi River on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 1840, and proceeded at once to Camden, then Pulaski County. He there began farming and owned upwards of 500 acres of land, twenty miles south-east of Linn Creek, the county seat of Camden County. In 1846 he was elected a member of the County Court of Camden County, and served in that position till 1850. In 1844 he was commissioned Colonel of the Militia having been selected for that office, at the same general election at which Polk was chosen President. In 1856 he was made the Representative of Camden County in the General Assembly.

His political feeling had always been Democratic and his first vote for president was cast for that good old Democrat, Andrew Jackson. His sympathies were Southern at the beginning of the late unhappy civil war, though he was still

desirous for the preservation and maintenance of the Union. During the progress of the rebellion a turbulent condition of affairs existed in Camden County. In December 1862, he was seized by the Federal authorities and until February 1864, was held prisoner at St. Louis and Alton. He was eager in his demands for a trial, which however was unable to obtain. In addition to his sufferings as a prisoner he was obliged to undergo severe pecuniary loss. On his final release he came to Jefferson County, lived one year at Rush Tower, and then became a resident of the neighborhood of Hematite. His first wife died in November 1868; and in September of 1869 he was married to Clara Stroup who was born and raised in Jefferson County. Judge Eaken is now a resident of Hematite and has been employed part of the time in active business. In 1869 he was appointed Justice of the peace, and has since been elected by the people to that office which he is at present filling.

*3. From Jefferson County Missouri Veterans, Jefferson County Genealogy Society;*

Dover, Oscar- Union Army, Captain 31<sup>st</sup> (or 37<sup>th</sup>) Infantry Regiment, Company A  
*From the records of Joseph W. Politte Jr.*

Oscar Dover / Captain, Company A. 31st Missouri Infantry. Enlisted in St. Louis Missouri. Commissioned August 25, 1862. Resigned on February 20, 1863, by Special Order #51 Department of Tennessee. He is buried in Victoria Cemetery.

*4. From the records of Joseph W. Politte Jr.*

George W. N. Elders/ May 11, 1842 - 1925. Company K. 35th Missouri Infantry. He was discharged after 10 months under a disability. He is buried in Hematite Christian Church Cemetery.

*5. From Coxwell Funeral Parlor Records;*

BAGE, Theodore, 6-22-1915, 80 yrs, 4 mo, 13 days, Null; Cem, Brights Disease  
EVANS, Wm. Walter, 2-21-1918, 36 yrs., Null; Cem, R.R. Accident  
NULL, Ellen, 3-14-1892, 18 years 3 months 15 days, Null; Cem, Consumption  
SCOTT, Newton, 8-8-1899, 9 yrs., Null; Cem  
WHITEHEAD, infant of H., 12-6-1890, Null; Cem, Still born



# Home for Christmas

Update November 2009

Our story unfolds a few days before Thanksgiving. I received an email from Betty Olson the Librarian at De Soto and our secretary. A lady named Alisa Wantland who oversees the Victoria Cemetery, contacted Betty to ask her husband Blaine if he knew anything about a Kate Ware monument. Blaine oversaw the Victoria cemetery before Alisa. Seems someone placed a monument in the cemetery up against a tree and Alisa was trying to figure out where it should go. Betty contacted me, and thus our journey begins!

After sending out emails to all our members we begin searching census records and pooling our knowledge for anything that may give us a clue to a search area. No luck.

Lisa our webmaster noticed other Ware's were located in the Hematite Christian Cemetery but when she and a friend verified it no stones were found. She noted that they didn't check the Null Cemetery about ½ mile down the old road and they may be there. I looked at my pictures from Null Cemetery I took back in 2000 and yes, three Ware children were there. But was this the correct cemetery? The two church cemeteries in Hematite were both started after Kate death date so she couldn't have come from them.

I went out and took a picture of the Kate Ware monument at Victoria. The stone was in perfect shape and appeared to have been kept inside out of the weather somewhere. It matched perfectly the size, shape, and type of monument of the other Ware children. Also all the other monuments in Null Cemetery were set in concrete. We theorized this was done after some of them were stolen. We noticed the death dates on the monuments, Kate in September 1860 at age 1 month; William J. in September 1861 at 1 month; Enoch in January 1863 at 2 month; and Robert in July 1864 at 6 months. All children of R. & M. Ware, who was listed in the 1860 census as a merchant in Hematite, Mo. We all felt confident that this cemetery was the correct resting place of Kate.



Blaine and Carole at Victoria Cemetery



Blaine and Dave set monument in Null Cemetery, Hematite

Tuesday Dec. 1 was sunny and in the 60s. Blaine Olson, Carole Goggin, and I got together and took Kate "home". We re-erected her monument with her family in the Null Cemetery. While there we also repaired her brother's and two others that needed attention. *Merry Christmas Kate!* Through this simple act of kindness Kate gave us a very special Christmas present we'll remember forever.



**Kate Ware *Home* with the other Ware children in the William Null Cemetery, Hematite Missouri**

I researched Robert M. Ware and found that he and Minerva Yount were married on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1858, by W. A. Alexander minister of the Gospel.

4<sup>th</sup> June 1858, Russell Landers sells to Robert M. Ware, "...1 yoke of red and sided? steers about 9 years old, 4 milk cows & 2 calves, 2 young steers, one three years old the other 5 years old..." recorded in Book O page 508.

29<sup>th</sup> July 1859, Stephen Osborn, who laid out Hematite, and his wife Mary, sell to Robert M. Ware for \$57.<sup>39</sup>, "...lot of land at Hematite...being part of Section 16 Township 40 Range 5...", recorded in Book P page 800.

Next checking the 1860 census we see Robert, 33, merchant, listed with his wife Minerva 23, and daughter Alice 1, Virginia Williams a 20 year old servant and Robert Donald, 14. We don't know if Alice lived or is buried here also.

1861-1864, Robert E. (*sic*) Ware listed as postmaster, Hematite Missouri.

2 September 1862, Robert P. Jones, "I have delivered to Robert M. Ware, 5 head of cattle, 1 bridle cow, 1 yellow and 1 white muley, 1 heifer black and white, 1 muley steer nearly all white, 1 yellow and white muley steer, all for \$40." Recorded in Book S page 407.

Final deed located, in Book T page 592, 11<sup>th</sup> July 1864, *just 2 weeks before his son Robert E. dies*, Robert M. Ware and wife Minerva sell to Wm. A Donnell, for \$200, Lots 3,4,5, S16 T40 R5, containing 120 acres. Robert must have sold out and moved on as he no longer appears in the records of Jefferson County.

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